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to Mrs. F. C. Haines
23 Centre St. New York City

Copy of letter from Rev. Simon Hitu D.D.
Asynk, Missionary
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Mrs F. S. A. Haines,

My dear Madam.

I think I have written to you several times in regard to the building of a Seminary for Indian girls at or near this place. The idea arose at first in a conversation with Mr Stoddard and some others, held here soon after the burning of the Tullahawee School last winter. I do not who suggested it, nor does it amount to any thing who it was. The thought has been entertained in many ways until today when the whole matter has taken shape in some more tangible manner, and I will recount it to you. The Object is to build at or near this place an Indian Girls Boarding School. I wish it to be open for the education of any Indian girl of whatever tribe she may belong, in the rudiments of a good substantial English education. I would have every one — as far as possible — taught, not only books but domestic arts. She should know how to cook and do all the housework of a family. She should be taught to sew or knit, to cut, fit, or make her own dresses, in short she should have such a training as shall fit her to take care of a family in the order of Christian neatness, decorum and intelligence. This School I would have placed under the entire control of the Presbyterian Church, the doctrines of the Church should be taught and the earnest endeavor should be, to make the pupils Christians, that as they go forth to be the centers of household life, it shall be a Christian household.

I would have it located here for the following reasons, 1st The place is a beautiful and healthful one in itself, it is on the railroad and the cost of building and maintaining a School here will be much less than at any point off the railroad. 2nd There is a larger proportion of white people here than in any other place in the Territory and thus the example and illustration of civilization will be constantly before the Indians. 3rd There is a good Presbyterian Church with its home, its Pastor, its prayermeeting and Sabbath School, already here to exert its beneficial influence over the people.

In order to reach the desired end I propose a Boarding School of at least 40 girls, with the earliest

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Then the Presbyterian Church to furnish and pay the teachers they should be all selected and commissioned as Missionaries in order to give the fullest assurance of Christian training. The people here will favor this and the licensed traders here (white men) will materially aid in carrying out the enterprise. I have had a long conversation today with one of the prominent politicians of the Creek nation, and he tells me that there is great confidence in the Presbyterian and growing out of the work that has been already done here by them, and the Nation will favor the enterprise.
This seems to me to be an opening of great promise, to be most excellent in the influence it will have over all this people, and thus to be a marked duty of the Presbyterian Church. Will the Ladies undertake this? Can I appeal to all the parties most interested with the confident statement This will be done?
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